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LB 760, 760A

education for court personnel; \$270,000 each year of the biennium will go to the Dispute Resolution Cash Fund to provide for the Office of Dispute Resolution within the court system. Since those programs are currently funded with General Funds, the appropriation to the Supreme Court is reduced by \$248,000 in the first year of the biennium. In the second year, additional General Funds are retained for the use of the State Law Library, which would otherwise be defunded. Approximately \$750,000 in each year of the biennium will go to the Commission on Public Advocacy to fund its programs. That agency is also currently funded from the General Fund, as we've discussed on LB 760, so the General Fund appropriations are reduced by approximately \$1.1 million over the biennium to reflect the cash funding from court fees. The changes to the General Fund made by LB 760A have the effect of reducing the bottom line shortfall on the current status by about \$1.3 million. I urge your advancement of LB 760A. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening on advancement of LB 760A to E & R Initial. Open for discussion on that motion, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, I want to just reiterate what Senator Brashear said, savings, \$1.3 million. Just want you to know somebody appreciates it very much. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Brashear. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 760A to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 760A to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 760A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 760A does advance. We now go to Select File, special order. Mr. Clerk, first item under that agenda item.